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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0935

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SUBJ: PROGRAM FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM - GABORONE

REFS: A) NAIROBI 5776, B) GABORONE 0899, C) GABORONE 0738(NOTAL),  
D) STATE 133450(NOTAL)

FOR: RCO/NAIROBI; RSO/PRETORIA; A/SY & OC/DEPT

1. CHANGES OF CODE ROOM/FILE ROOM IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL PROPOSALS  
IMPROVE SECURITY OF THE EMBASSY AND PROVIDE AMERICAN CONTROL TO  
RESTRICTED AREA.

2. PRESENT ARRANGEMENT WHERE LOCAL RECEPTIONIST LOCATED IMMEDIATELY  
ADJACENT DCM'S OFFICE AND AMB'S SECRETARY CONSIDERED BE  
MAJOR SECURITY RISK. THE RECEPTION AREA AND THE LOCAL EMPLOYEE  
WILL THEREFORE BE RELOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR WHICH WILL  
ALSO PREVENT PENETRATION OF VISITORS WITH MAL-INTENT TO RESTRICTED  
AREA. PLANS PROVIDE FOR A SOLID WOOD DOOR EQUIPPED WITH A SIMPLEX  
LOCK AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE RESTRICTED AREA. THE RESTRICTED AREA  
WILL PROVIDE OFFICES FOR THE AMB, AMB'S SEC, DCM, DCM'S SEC, CODE  
ROOM, FILE ROOM, READING ROOM, AND A SMALL WAITING ROOM FOR  
VISITORS TO AMB/DCM ALL OF WHICH WILL BE UNDER DIRECT AMERICAN  
CONTROL AT ALL TIMES WHEN EMBASSY IS OPEN.

3. IN VIEW RELOCATION RECEPTIONIST AREA TO GROUND FLOOR OF EMBASSY,  
CHANGES IN TELEPHONE LINES WILL BE REQUIRED. THIS CHANGE WILL BE  
SMALL SINCE CEO-T HAS PROVIDED LINES GROUND FLOOR AREA  
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SUFFICIENT THREE TELEPHONES. DO SUGGEST HOWEVER RCO PROVIDE A

PROPER SWITCHBOARD FOR USE RECEPTIONIST IN NEW LOCATION. WHEN WORK COMMENCES VISIT CEO-T WILL BE REQUIRED.

4. RE PARA 2 REF A PROPOSAL IS NOT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW VAULT. ROOM PROPOSED AS CODE ROOM WAS AT ONE TIME UTILIZED AS CODE ROOM (WITH A BUFFER WALL). AREA IS NOW UTILIZED AS FILE ROOM AND BUFFER WALL REMOVED. NEW PLANS PROVIDE FOR REBUILDING THIS BUFFER WALL AND SCREEN OFF WINDOWS (ALREADY PROVIDED WITH SECURITY BARS) WITH BRICKS. THE DOOR LEADING INTO THE PRESENT FILE ROOM WILL BE REMOVED AND THE WALL CLOSED IN WITH CEMENT. THE DOOR SO REMOVED WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE NEW FILE ROOM WITH DOOR OPENING FROM THE NEW READING ROOM. PRESENT LAYOUT PERMITS DIRECT ENTRANCE FILE ROOM AMERICAN PERSONNEL ALL AGENCIES (STATE, AID, PC AND USIS) AND WAS CRITICIZED BY PREVIOUS RCO DURING HIS VISITS. WITH THE NEW READING ROOM, FILE ROOM WILL BE UNDER DIRECT CONTROL CRO THEREBY DEFINITELY ENHANCING THE SECURITY OF THE FILE AND CODE ROOMS.

5. INASMUCH AS FULL DETAILS PROPOSED CHANGES APPROVED BY DEPT (STATE 133450) AND FUNDS ALLOTTED TO CARRY OUT WORK, DO NOT WISH DELAY PROJECT LONGER THAN NECESSARY. BELIEVE ABOVE EXPLANATION SUFFICIENT RCO REVIEW PLANS ON HAND AND GIVE CONCURRENCE SOONEST.

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